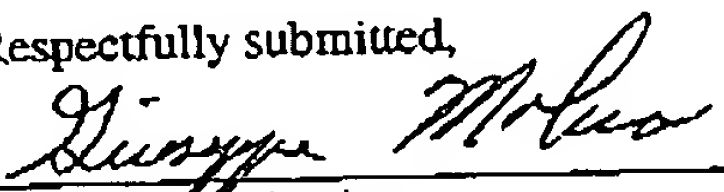


**REMARKS**

After entry of this amendment, 1-6, 8-21, 24-51, 53-56, 58 and 60-75 will be pending for the Examiner's review and consideration. The Applicant would first like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of the personal telephone conversation held on September 7, 2004. Claims 1, 21, 35, and 51 have been amended in accordance with the telephone conversation. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the above amendments is respectfully requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider this application with a view towards allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at 212-326-7883, if a telephone call could help resolve any remaining issues.

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